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U.S. Patent & Trademark Office
P.O. Box 2327
Arlington, VA 22202



Re: Request for filing date in light of USPS interruption of Express Mail Service
Utility Patent Application
Inventor: Gary Nolen
Title: SPRAY APPLICATION SYSTEM
Filed: November 19, 2001

Dear Madam or Sir:

In accordance with the Notice posted by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on November 20, 2001 relating to the temporary suspension of Express Mail Service, please accord the accompanying correspondence a filing date of November 19, 2001. Enclosed are true and correct copies of correspondence that I attempted to deposit with the USPS by Express Mail on November 19, 2001. The USPS refused to accept the correspondence because of the temporary suspension of Express Mail Service to Washington, D.C. Federal Government Agencies having the ZIP Codes 202-205.

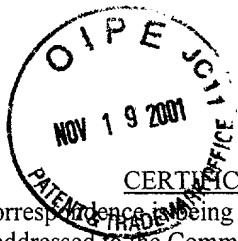
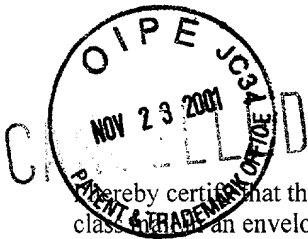
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Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this filing or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
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Patent Application of:

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For: Spray Application System

Box NEW APPLICATION

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Claiming Priority from Provisional
Patent App. No. 60/249,803

Priority Date: November 17, 2000

TRANSMITTAL

Sir:


Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are the following:

- (1) a utility patent application, including 15 pages of specification and 5 pages of drawings;
- (2) check for \$370.00; and
- (3) a self-addressed, stamped postcard.

Assertion of entitlement to small entity status: This application is entitled to small entity status.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

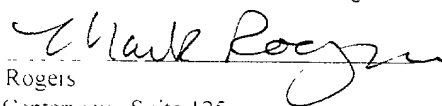

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